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In re application of

Docket No: Q85448.

Yasuyuki SUZUKI, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/519,457

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For: STATIC FLIP-FLOP CIRCUIT

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2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 6-237150, published August 23, 1994 (with English abstract).
3. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 3-277018, published December 9, 1991 (with English abstract).
4. United States Patent No. 6,486,720, issued November 26, 2002.
5. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 10-51279, published February 20, 1998 (with English abstract).
6. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 63-60623, published March 16, 1988 (with English abstract).

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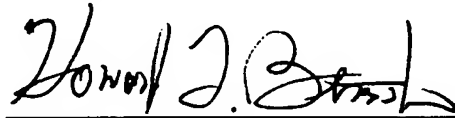
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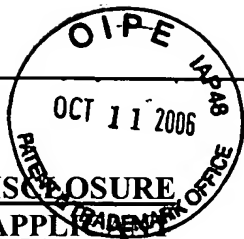
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